



Water Resources

The stream located in front of Washington's Headquarters is called Valley Creek. Historically, this stream provided drinking water and power for forges, mills, and other industrial operations in the Village of Valley Forge. Today, Valley Creek is a "Class A Trout Stream" and also an "Exceptional Value" stream – providing it the highest level of protection.

Eighteen types of fish can be found in Valley Creek. Brown trout, white suckers, and blacknose dace are common. The creek is a "catch-and-release" fishery only due to certain kinds of pollution.

You may notice severe erosion or soil loss along the stream in front of Headquarters. Loss of soil and streambanks here is caused by poor management of stormwater upstream of the park. As more pavement is laid down for housing and commercial development, more rain water runs off the pavement and into storm drains. Stormwater eventually ends up in Valley Creek making flooding more frequent and severe. These increasingly severe floods have caused the banks along the stream to collapse and the soil to drop into the water. The park works with a variety of partners to help protect and restore the entire Valley Creek watershed.